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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of October 10, 2001, please enter the following
Amendments and Remarks to the above-captioned application.

In the Specification:

Please add the following at page 1, line 2,

--Related Application: This application hereby incorporates by reference and, under 35
U.S.C. § 119(e), claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.
60/142,273, filed February 7, 1999.--

In the Claims:

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1. A modular deck panel apparatus for a deck structure including a plurality of
underlying joist elements, said modular deck panel apparatus comprising:

By
a plurality of modular panels, each of the plurality of modular panels having a first
substantially planar element being relatively inflexible, and

a second substantially planar element disposed beneath the first planar element and
secured thereto, said second planar element being relatively flexible in relation to the first planar
element; and

a plurality of elongated members, at least some of the plurality of elongated members
~~being secured to a series of underlying joist elements to restrain the plurality of modular panels~~

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